I write to **oppose** SB16.

By banning firearms with support braces this assembly will be violating current CT laws that define pistols and rifles. Please refer to CGS § 29-27 & 53a-3(18) and CGS § 53a-3 (16) & (17). In addition, braces are being reviewed by the ATF and their ruling is not yet published.

Similarly, "assault weapon bans" are heading to the Supreme Court this year. Even the 9th Circuit has postponed a ruling on this issue until after the Supreme Court weighs in as it is highly likely it will be found unconstitutional and overruled at federal level.

In closing, I ask you: why are you rushing into this type of legislation when these very issues are going to be debated at national level in the near future? Are you doing this for your own political benefit?

Let me remind you record numbers of CT residents have exercised their Second Amendment right over the last 2 years for the first time. More importantly, women and minorities. A lot of these people are apolitical but will now start paying attention at what the state legislature and governor are trying to do.

There will be a political price to pay at the polls, unless you reverse course and start respecting the rights of the people you are supposed to serve.

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